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ORDER #96-14  
SPECIAL CLOSURE  
SAN JUAN and RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 16 USC, Section 551 and 36 CFR, Sections 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following restrictions are in effect throughout all lands, roads, and trails on the San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests from January 1, 1997, until further notice:

The following is PROHIBITED:

Possessing or storing any food or refuse unless it is;

- A) Stored in a bear resistant method, or
- B) being eaten, prepared for eating, or being transported.

"BEAR RESISTANT METHOD" means in a hard sided vehicle or camper, approved bear resistant container, or suspension at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from any tree, post, or other support.

"BEAR RESISTANT CONTAINER" means a securable container constructed of a solid, non-pliable material, and when secured or under stress will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain access by biting or clawing.

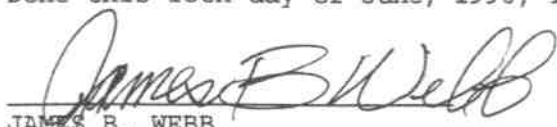
"FOOD OR REFUSE" means any food item for consumption, its container or the refuse from preparation or consumption. This includes non-human consumables such as pet food and bird feeders (sugar water as well as seed feeders).

[36 CFR 261.58(cc)]

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

- a) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- b) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this 18th day of June, 1996, in Monte Vista, Colorado.

  
JAMES B. WEBB  
Forest Supervisor

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine for an individual or up to \$10,000 for an organization and/or up to six months in jail (18 USC 3571).